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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set, and for which a Request for Extension of Time of two months is being filed concurrently herewith, resetting the period for response to expire on April 24, 2004, Applicant submits the following:

Amendment to the claims begin on page 2 on this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.